

REMARKS

First, claims 30 and 31 had been previously cancelled in an Examiner's Amendment (see April 14, 2006 Notice of Allowability). Therefore, underlying reason to re-open prosecution because those claims had supposedly not previously been examined is mistaken (see page 4 of the May 24, 2007 Office Action).

In the May 24 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claim 3-5 and 19-22 were allowable. Although Applicant disagrees with the rejections, in an effort to favorably terminate this prosecution and obtain an issued patent, Applicant will withdraw all rejected claims, i.e. 1, 13 18, 23,-25, 30 and 31 and requests the Examiner to issue a prompt Notice of Allowability.

This prosecution has been going on for over 5 ½ years. Applicant has filed two notices of appeal, one appeal brief and one pre-appeal request for review. Each time prosecution has been reopened. He has also paid the issue fee based on the last Notice Allowability. Consequently, the Applicant respectfully urges the Examiner to issue a Notice Allowability at the earliest possible date.

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